

Docket No.: 00-VE03.13A

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending. In the Final Office Action, claims 9, 11, and 13-44 were allowed. Claims 1-8 were rejected, and claims 10 and 12 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, but were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants appealed the rejection of claims 1-8 to the BPAI on June 11, 2004. On June 23, 2005, the BPAI affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-8, reasoning that "[t]he establishment of the second voice communication link is not stated in claim 1 to be only by means of a second landline packet switched network." (BPAI Decision, page 5; emphasis added.) Independent claim 1, from which claims 2-8, 10, and 12 all depend, is herein amended to recite in part "establishing a second voice communication link between said terminals via only a second landline packet switched network when said monitored quality of service departs from a predetermined value." Accordingly, all pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. It is believed that any fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 07-2347, under Order No. 00-VE03.13A, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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